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Thought for the Day:

**"You can do something big
or something small.
Because whatever you do
it's better than nothing at all."**

Question of the Week:

**Do all leaders have something
in common?**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have settled back to working hard and have been very productive, creating a range of high quality work over the past few weeks. Many of you will know that Mrs Hussain is leaving us for now and hoping to return at the end of the summer term. We wish her well and look forward to her returning soon.

Nursery: This week our focus book has been The Gingerbread Man. The children have had lots of opportunities to get to know the story before our theatre performance. We have been encouraging the children to talk in front of a small group. Our discussions have been about their preferences and interests. In Maths we have been focusing on recognising numbers. The children have played a range of counting and matching games. We have started to talk about feelings with the children. This week they have looked at the happy and sad emotions. In Phonics we have played listening games. The children have been matching sounds, making sounds and are beginning to think about words that begin with the same sound.

Reception: We have continued our topic learning about buildings. We have started to design our buildings for our model village which we hope to start building next week. Thinking about staying safe in a village, we learnt about road safety and how to cross a road safely at an appropriate crossing. In Phonics we have continued to learn the new sounds "ear", "air", "ure", "er". In Maths we have been learning about height and using the vocabulary "tall", "taller", "short" and "shorter". We have also been really lucky this week to have had the opportunity to watch some actors do a show telling the story of the Gingerbread Man. We all called out the refrain "run, run as fast as you can!" and we laughed a lot because the Gingerbread man was so funny.

Year 1: This week the children have been exploring teen numbers and learning about tens and ones/units (place value) for Maths. For English, the children have been describing characters and settings using their imagination. The focus text this week was 'Here come the Aliens'. In History, Year 1 have been learning about the first animal and person into space. They have been discussing the 'race to space' and the about the first man on the moon. It has been a very exciting week as the children have been celebrating their learning so far this half term with our Space Day. Thank you all for assisting your child to create their space costumes!
PE - 1B will have indoor PE on Wednesday from now on instead of Thursday.

Year 2: Over the last week Year 2 have been focusing on division in Maths. We have been using the division symbol to write equations and practising dividing by 2, 5 and 10. In English we have started planning a story for the C8 writing competition. The children have been looking carefully at a picture and using adjectives to describe the characters and setting. We have started to look at how to plan a story by thinking of ideas for the beginning, middle and end. In Science we have carried out an experiment to test absorbency, and written up and evaluated our results. We are continuing to find out about Samuel Pepys and The Great Fire of London in History.

Year 3: In Year 3 this week we have jumped into our new English topic about Adventure stories. We have identified the features of this type of genre and will be using features such as suspense to add pace and excitement to our writing. In Maths, we are extending our learning of multiplication and division by multiplying 2 digits by 1 digit. In Science, we have sprung into our new topic 'Magnets and Forces' and have experimented with magnets and used our new vocabulary to explain what we found out. In Art we have used photos of our trip to the British Museum and sketched some of the amazing artefacts ready for display.

Year 4: This week, in English, Year 4 have used a variety of features to write up their Information leaflets on China / The Shang Dynasty. In Maths, we continue to look at multiplication, this time focusing on written methods. It is great to see how much the childrens' confidence has grown in problem solving and reasoning skills. In Science we have been investigating whether the volume of water changes according to the container it is in or not. In Computing, the children have enjoyed using Isle of Tune to create their own pieces of music. Please remind the children to use Chiranga (website) - this is an amazing resource to help with in-school violin lessons.

Year 5: Children are consolidating their understanding of multiplication and division and are learning formal written methods to enable calculations with higher value numbers. In Science, we have been investigating which materials make the best thermal insulators and conductors. Children identified research questions and what is needed to conduct a fair test before carrying out experiments and writing up their observations. In Computing, children are learning how to use Microsoft Publisher to design leaflets about South Africa, using their research about the country. Everyone is looking forward to our African Drumming and Storytelling workshop on Thursday.

Year 6: This week children have written their persuasive letters on issues that are important to them. Year 6 are looking forward to reading their letters to Ruth Cadbury MP. In Maths, children have been exploring the relationship between simple fractions, decimals and percentages including in different contexts. During Science, children are planning scientific enquiries to answer different questions, including recognising and controlling variables where necessary; investigating the relationship between wire length and the brightness of bulbs or the loudness of buzzers. In our Topic lesson, the children have been learning how pottery can give them information about the Ancient Greek Olympic Games. They have also learnt how to find the similarities and differences between the Ancient Greek Olympic Games and the modern Olympic Games.

Notices: Please return any Emergency Contact forms that you may have received via pupil post recently. Please check the forms to ensure that you have completed all relevant sections.

Parents have been sent an email with the date change in May 2019. School will be open to children on 2nd May. School will be closed for Inset day on Friday 24th May.

Reminders:

Applications for places in our Nursery are now open. Applications forms can be downloaded from the Hounslow Council Website.

All medical appointments should be taken outside of school hours unless they are an emergency.

Reversible fleeces can be ordered via ParentPay, the promotional offer has now ended. For those who have ordered Fleeces will be sent out soon.

It will be Young Carers Awareness Day on 31st January 2019. Further information about Young Carers can be found at <https://carers.org/about-us/about-young-carers>

Ruth Cadbury MP is encouraging children and adults to give up Fizzy drinks in February – Fizz Free February. You can find out more on her webpage, <https://ruthcadbury.org/fizzfree>

School Attendance:

Current whole school attendance is 96.59%.
Please remember that term time leave will be unauthorised.



Key Dates for the term:

3rd January	Spring Term Begins		
10 th January	Year 3 trip to the British Museum	12 th February	Year 2 Scooter Training
14 th January	Year 4 Chinese Workshop	12 th February	Y6 SATs Parents Meeting
17 th January	Year 5 Reading Plus	15 th February	1I Class Assembly
17 th January	Year 1 Topic Wow Day	Half Term	18th February – 22nd February
23 rd January	Nursery and Reception Theatre Workshop	1 st March	3F Class Assembly
24 th January	Year 5 African Music and Storytelling Workshop	7 th March	Parents Evening
25 th January	6F Class Assembly	8 th March	2B Class Assembly
30 th January	Year 6 Trip to Lampton School	12 th March	Parents Evening
1 st February	3H Class Assembly	15 th March	2W Class Assembly
8 th February	6B Class Assembly	22 nd March	1B Class Assembly
8 th February	Year 3 Ancient Egyptian Day	29 th March	1TB Class Assembly
11 th February	Year 2 Scooter Training	5th April	Last day of the Spring Term School closes at 1.30pm

